



TEXAS SPACE TRIP 2018

22 November 2017

Dear Student and Parent / Carer,

Did you clock over the Oct break that this time next year we should be in Houston at Space School? We did! Please accept our apologies for not being in touch sooner, it would be so much easier if SQA stopped changing the courses.

Let me give you an update on the financial situation

I have written to businesses in the Region that might support us, and I've got promises of written support from Councillors and MSPs, although no money there! Lesley Sloan, our Curriculum Development Officer has helped me put together a bid to Crichton Foundation and we hear in January if we've been successful and this is when I have been advised to put in the Hollywood Trust Bid.

Our Morrison's bag pack was successful, and thanks to Lynda Halley for arranging this and for everyone who turned up. I've been in touch with Google about funding (thanks to a contact from Sanquhar Academy), but currently heard nothing.

Lynda has managed to organise another bag pack at Morrison's on **23rd December** and it would be lovely if as many of you as possible turn up. It is a great opportunity to meet each other and start bonding as a group. Hopefully we will have your baseball caps by then to show that you are part of the D&G Space School.

Lynda has also organised a stall at a **Christmas Fair in Moffat on 3 December**. She could do with help to run the stall and of course we would like donations of arts/crafts, gifts, baking etc. These can be brought into Lockerbie Academy the week before and we will transport them to Moffat, or if you can make it on the day just bring your donations along to the stall.

I suggest someone might want to set up a closed Facebook group, but as teachers we'll need to be careful as we are advised not to use Facebook. If I can get a Glow group organised I'll do that, but this will only be accessible to students and not to parents.

Please consider organising events as the year goes on. It would be lovely if students and parents get involved and set something up. Christmas is a great opportunity to make and sell Christmas cards, calendars (space theme) and objects to sell as presents. Students might also want to consider having a bring and buy sale in the hall where students and staff can bring all their old stuff that they've finished with and can oversee selling it on. We might want to consider doing this as a joint project, but I am not sure the best place to host this. I might be able to get Lockerbie Academy, but don't know if we will need to pay, if it is at the weekend as the school is owned by Amey and not the Council. Dumfries High School might be the best host here.



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In February I suggest we arrange our Walk to the Moon Sponsored Steps where we can get some publicity in the paper.

If anyone else does some fund raising on their own, do try to get it into the local paper as that might generate additional publicity and hence money.

I am also in contact with Lesley Sloan and people from Prestwick Spaceport about potentially having a session in March where we can meet up as a group and do some space tasks together.

Please keep up the payments, and if there are problems with keeping up payments, please contact Mr Hargreaves as early as possible to see if we can re-schedule the payments.

Don't forget to get in touch if you have any inspirational ideas and hopefully we can have more parents who can work as a fund raising committee to organise some more events. Remember the more we raise, the less we all pay and I'd like you to pay very little, although it is worth every penny.

Yours sincerely,

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